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Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons to headline St. Paul Foundation's annual Legends gala

DALLAS – July 21, 2010 – The original Jersey Boys, chart-toppers Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, will headline the annual Legends benefit for the Heart, Lung and Vascular Programs at UT Southwestern University Hospital - St. Paul and St. Paul Medical Foundation.

The 2010 event will be held Oct. 16 at the historic Majestic Theatre in Dallas. Sponsorship opportunities are available through the foundation for \$1,500 to \$50,000. Tickets to see the iconic rock-and-rollers in concert may be available to the general public through Ticketmaster closer to the event.

"This is such an exciting year for Legends, and we couldn't be happier with the entertainment," said Patty Sullivan, who will co-chair the event with Laura Fox Williamson. "Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons' music is really special because it spans so many decades and appeals to so many generations. Some people will remember them from the 1960s, when they were first getting their start, and others will recognize their music from the hugely popular *Jersey Boys* Broadway show based on their lives. It really will be a show for anyone and everyone."

The Four Seasons became famous almost overnight, when their song *Sherry* hit the charts in 1962. The group followed that success with a long list of other million-selling songs including *Big Girls Don't Cry, Walk Like a Man, Candy Girl* and many others.

Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons have had 48 Billboard Hot 100 singles and have scored major international chartings in every decade since the 1950s, when they first enjoyed success as The Four Lovers. The group has sold more than 100 million records.

The first Legends gala was held in 1993 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$5 million for St. Paul programs. Past Legends entertainers include Jay Leno, Tony Bennett, Linda Ronstadt, Bill Cosby, Chicago, The Pointer Sisters and many other popular performers.

Since 1999 St. Paul Medical Foundation has raised more than \$14 million for UT Southwestern's Heart, Lung and Vascular Programs. Its resources have been used to help fund capital improvements, purchase top-of-the-line equipment, establish a distinguished chair in thoracic surgery, underwrite (MORE)

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additional research, and provide direct support for heart and lung patients in need.

"We're immensely proud of what our volunteers and donors have accomplished through Legends," said Sally Ridgway, president of the foundation. "They put so much of their time and resources into the event because they see the direct relationship between their actions and important resources for heart and lung medicine at UT Southwestern. They also understand the importance of the 'fun factor' in Legends' continuing success and made sure to take care of that by signing the legendary Frankie Valli for this year's event."

The honorary co-chairs of the event are Blockbuster CEO Jim Keyes and his wife, Margo. Members of the event committee are Liddy and Wynne Breeden; Donna Butzberger; Natalie Devero; Cindy Dickson; Kym Donachie; Ashley Ellis; Jennifer Staubach Gates; Susan Haddad; Barbara Balisteri Koeijmans; Peggy and Dr. Dan Meyer; Elizabeth Quintana; Stephanie Stollenwerck; and Mersina Stubbs.

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